

**567—91.9(455B) Livestock water quality facilities priority rating criteria system.**

**91.9(1) Livestock water quality facilities rating system.** The livestock water quality facilities rating criteria consider the use classification of the receiving waters, water quality of the receiving waters, open feedlot plan rating and a tiebreaker. Priority ranking for the projects is based on the total points awarded for all the categories; the greater the total number of points, the higher the ranking.

*a. Use classification of receiving waters.* This category addresses the receiving water that is impacted or potentially impacted by the existing operation and that would be improved or protected by the proposed project. Points shall be awarded and shall be cumulative for all designated use classifications of the receiving stream. The manure application sites, feedlots, lagoons and basins, and manure and litter storage areas should be considered when determining the points to be awarded.

Use and Classification	Points
Outstanding national resource waters (proposed water use)	50
High quality waters	40
High quality resource waters	20
Class A1 waters	50
Class A2 waters	45
Class A3 waters	45
Class C waters	40
Class B (CW1) waters	50
Class B (CW2) waters	30
Class B (WW) waters	30
Class B (LW) waters	35
Class B (LR) waters	25

*b. Water quality of receiving waters.* This category addresses the quality of water in the receiving stream and whether or not the water has been designated as impaired for some uses. Bodies of water that are impaired by pollutants are identified as Section 303(d) waters. The Section 303(d) list of waters also identifies probable pollutant source categories for these impairments. Projects that primarily impact these waters are awarded points if the water body that receives or could receive the discharge is included on the Section 303(d) list and the probable pollutant source is a nonpoint source. Waters are also identified in the Section 305(b) report on their use attainment status. Projects that primarily impact these waters are awarded points depending on the use impairment identified for the water body that receives or could receive the discharge. If no use impairment is identified, the fully supporting status points will be awarded. Points will be awarded for both sections and then totaled for this category.

Indication of water quality	Points
A	
Section 303(d) listed water	
Identified as probable source or contributing to problem: Nonpoint source (if nonpoint sources are not the probable source of pollution, the following points are to be used)	100
High rating for TMDL development	90
Medium rating for TMDL development	80
Low rating for TMDL development	70
B	
Section 305(b) status	
Fully supporting	10

Indication of water quality	Points
Fully supporting/threatened	20
Partially supporting	30
Not supporting	40

c. *Iowa open feedlot plan rating.* This category incorporates the rating given the animal feeding operation from the Iowa open feedlot plan.

Iowa Open Feedlot Plan Rating	Points
High	40
Medium	30
Low	20
Unranked	10

d. *Total points.* Total points are calculated using the following formula:  
 Total Points = Use and Classification + Water Quality (A) + Water Quality (B) + Iowa Open Feedlot Plan Rating

e. *Tiebreaker.* Two or more projects may receive the same total priority points. If sufficient state revolving loan funds are not available to fund the projects, ties will be broken by determining which project has the highest score in each category in the following order:

- Water Quality of Receiving Streams (A) Highest
- Water Quality of Receiving Streams (B) ↕
- Use and Classification
- Iowa Open Feedlot Plan Rating Lowest

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